

25th May 2016

Cycling

We were delighted that our P7 pupils undertook a full day cycling proficiency training with parent volunteers, Mr Riddle, Mrs Bruce and Mr Don on Monday this week. The children were commended for their attitude and behaviour- well done to all. There will be further cycle training for all our P6 pupils on Monday 13th June. Parents should ensure their children's bikes are roadworthy and pupils must bring a cycle helmet to be permitted participation in the training.

Sports Day

The Senior Sports will be on Thursday 26th May and commence at 1.30pm. Should the sports have to be cancelled they will be held on the next available dry day. The school will provide refreshments for the children running races on each of these days. The cost will be met by school fund. There will also be an opportunity for parents to purchase a choc ice and/or juice for children attending the races with parents. The cost will be 20p per choc ice and 30p per juice. Please remember to apply suntan lotion if we are lucky to have sunshine on the day!

School Uniform

It has been noted that a number of children have been coming to school not wearing their school uniform and instead wearing items of branded clothing. The wearing of uniform is smart, gives children a shared identity, is inexpensive and prevents parents being under pressure to supply their children with expensive branded items of clothing. I would strongly encourage parents to ensure their children come to school wearing school uniform.

Please note the wearing of football strips for P.E. or other sporting events is not permitted.

Parent Council

The school would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Parent Council in giving a cheque to the value of £2022 to school fund. This money will be used to purchase some gymnastic equipment.

Interschools Sports-28th May

A team of P6 and P7 pupils will attend the centenary competition of the South Highland Athletics Association this Saturday 28th May. This is a full day programme of track and field events. Thank you to those members of staff who have volunteered to give their time to support the event.

Basketball-Primary 7 Transition Event

John Kerray, from the IRA School of Basketball will be in school on Tuesday 31st May to deliver a taster session of basketball to our Primary 7 pupils. The children will then participate in a basketball festival with their P7 counterparts from other schools in our areas school group. This will take place on Friday 17th May at the Leisure Centre.

Holm Primary - Orienteering

The Holm Primary School Orienteering team has recently been participating in the INVOIC Highland School League. Following events at Ord Hill, Craig Phadraig Woods and Carse Woods, the team found out that they were the champions of the Highland League.

After very successful opening events, the team had a strong lead. In both of these events, Holm Primary won the most points. The last event, at Carse Woods, presented more of a challenge, but the team competed very well and secured sufficient points to win the League.

Finlay Raynor, Ben Sharpe, Daniel Richardson, Harris Johnstone, Alasdair Riddle, Ryan Fairgrieve, Jessie Macdonald, Eilidh Robb, Zoe Sharpe, Matthew Croson Fraser and Chloe Croson Fraser should all be very proud of their achievements.

As a result of being the champions of Highland, we are now going to compete in the Scottish Championships on Friday, June 3rd. This event will take place in Dalkeith and should be an excellent day

P7 Transition to IRA

Our primary 7 pupils are preparing for their three day transition visit to the IRA which will take place from the 14th June until 16th June. Please note pupils should wear their Holm school uniform. This ensures pupils are easily identified by the IRA staff.

School Blog

We have recently received a number of compliments from parents regarding the class blogs on our website. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to look at them I would encourage you to do so. The children have been involved in a number of stimulating learning experiences for Health Week which you can now see on the website. The blogs allow parents to share in their children's learning and give insight into what is happening in the classroom. Visit it at www.holmprimary.co.uk

Facilities Management

The change from janitorial services to the Facilities Management model means that Holm shares its Facilities Management Assistant with both Lochardil Primary and North Kessock Primary. While the FMA has a work schedule for our school, if there is an emergency in one of the other schools, the FMA needs to be in attendance. This means we do not always have the flexibility we would like to do such things as open and close all gates during school events or at other times. We also have to ensure the safety of all children and although acknowledging the convenience of leaving gates open, pupil safety remains the overriding concern.

Health Note

We have been made aware that head lice is doing the rounds again. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as required. The lice are becoming immune to some solutions but I have been informed by a parent that Derbac M works very well.

Closing Assembly

A reminder that this year's closing assembly will be on Tuesday 28th June at 9.45am. This date has been on our school website since the start of session. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. All children should wear school uniform. We will be seating the children prior to admitting parents and friends to the hall. Consequently, there will be no admission before 9.40am. There will be reserved seating for Primary 7 parents and entry will be only through the front door of the school.

Thank You

We'd like to extend our gratitude to parents and friends who donated so generously at yesterday's school sports to the Stephanie Inglis campaign. The sum of £283.91 was raised. For those who have not had the opportunity to do so and wish to, there will be a chance to contribute at the senior sports on Thursday.

Messaging Line

We understand how frustrating it can be for parents if they telephone the school to report their child absent and the phone is engaged. Unfortunately there is only one line and if Mrs Thomson get tied up with a call parents will be unable to get through to the school. However, parents may leave a message by accessing the school's non urgent messaging service on **0800 564 2272 PIN 042230 and choose option 2** Mrs Thomson will be alerted by email that a message has been received.

Lost Property

Parent volunteers are going to go through the lost property. All named items will be returned to the owners. Un-named will be laid out on a table in the playground for parents to look through at Senior Sports Day. After this all items will be recycled. Thank you to the parents who have taken on this task!

Newsletters by e-mail

We are sending the newsletter by e-mail if you have received a paper copy and would prefer an e-mail please inform Mrs Thomson.